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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Hall of Honors

Senators in Attendance:

X	P. Blobaum (AL/UL)	X	J. Goode* (CAS)		X. She (COE)
	M. Carrington* (CAS)		G. Howell (COE)	X	J. Shin (CAS)
X	X. Chen (CAS)		J. Klomes* (COE)	X	S. Spencer (CHHS)
X	D. Cortese (CAS)	X	E. Mengova (COB)	X	A. Tamulis* (CAS)
X	N. Ermasova (CAS)	X	P. Mohanty* (COB)	X	C. Tymkow (AL/CHHS)
X	E. Essex (CHHS)	X	R. Muhammad* (AL/CAS)	X	S. Wadhwa (CHHS)
X	L. Falconnier (CHHS)	X	B. Parin* (AL/CAS)	X	S. Wagner (AL/COB)
X	L. Geller (UL)	X	Z. Ramamonjarielo* (CHHS)	X	B. Winicki* (COE)
X	D. Golland* (CAS)		G. Sargut (COB)		

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Others Present: D. Bordelon, S. Estep, C. Sexton

1. *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., with quorum, by Faculty Senate President Winicki.
2. *Administrative Updates:*
 - *Information from Clearinghouse (reasons for leaving GSU; # transfer to c.c.'s, etc.)* - Provost Bordelon distributed attachment 1 and discussed it with the senate.
 - *Academic Master Plan: list of programs being developed/considered; assurance of faculty for newly created programs* – Provost Bordelon explained that the Academic Master Plan Committee met recently; she then distributed attachment 2 and discussed it with the senate. She explained that inclusion of a new or revised program was evidence of a request, not a guarantee that the item would come to fruition. Winicki asked how the Academic Master Plan is affected by the ongoing work of the APERC; Bordelon noted that the two groups are working in tandem and, as indicated in the handout, many proposed programs are on hold.
 - *Total expenses related to athletic program: faculty, staff, marketing, scholarships, etc.* – Bordelon distributed attachment 3, adding that it was also available on the GSU website.

Bordelon apologized for the amount of handouts but Vice President Golland thanked her, noting that these were precisely the sort of information that senate had requested from her office in the past. A discussion of the athletic expenses ensued. Although the total revenue exceeds the total costs—including salaries—nearly all of the revenue is derived from student fees. The senate discussed the propriety of this. Winicki pointed out that in her estimation graduate students, who are paying the fees, are not benefitting from the athletic programs. Immediate Past President Muhammad noted that a strong athletic program is a healthy component of any good university, based on her experience as a graduate student at Michigan State. Bordelon noted that the student senate plays a role in determining all student fees. The use of the leftover revenues—“profits”—raised a question from a senator and Bordelon said that Kim Lambert-Thomas would come to the senate to explain how these funds were used, adding that the fitness center is also subsidized by these fees.

3. *Review of October 2016 draft minutes* – Senator Tamulis moved, and Senator Cortese seconded, approval of the October 2016 minutes with minor amendments, which carried unanimously.
4. *Agenda for Board of Trustees Retreat, November 28* - Winicki distributed a draft agenda (attachment 4) focusing on reports from standing committees and other shared governance bodies, and a few faculty concerns. Adding that she hoped that the focus of the retreat would be on the work faculty groups do in addressing problems at the university. The senate discussed the agenda and made a few minor corrections.
5. *Faculty Senate Appointments*
 >Senator Blobaum moved, and Muhammad seconded, the following appointments which carried unanimously:
 - Board of Trustees Human Resources Committee Faculty Representative (AY 2016-2017): Alice Keane
 - Board of Trustees Finance and Budget Committee Faculty Representative (AY2016-2018): Ravi Nigam
 - Board of Trustees Governance Committee Faculty Representative (AY 2016-2018): Lara Stache
 - Academic Calendar Committee, At-Large Senate Representatives (AY 2016-2017): Angela Thompson, Joong-Won Shin
 >Blobaum moved, and Muhammad seconded, the following appointments which carried with one abstention:
 - Faculty representatives to the PBAC PIT team led by Interim VP Kim Thomas: Shirley Spencer, Zo Ramamonjiarivelo, David Golland
6. *Report from PBAC* – Senator Ramamonjiarivelo delivered the report contained in attachment 5. There followed a discussion of the role of APERC, administration’s decision to ask APERC to review all programs, and administration’s insistence that APERC use a particular evaluation rubric. UPI Chapter President Estep stated that the union was considering filing an unfair labor practice case on the matter.
7. *Report from SEI Task Force* – Senator Wagner noted that OIR Director Krcatovich was present at the group’s last meeting and that the administration is willing to consider the

issue of race and gender bias in SEIs. Wagner and Senator Mohanty stated that the group might be able to present recommendations as soon as November 2017.

8. *Report of the EPC* – Tamulis reported as follows:
 - >The provost's office has again returned the proposed amendment to Policy 35 (Emeritus Status), stating that this time the objection was to the senate's removal, at Blobaum's request, of a poorly-written paragraph. The EPC will review it again.
 - >Nicole Witt-Pentwell of the Student Affairs Office recently met with EPC to discuss academic misconduct. Tamulis reiterated the policy and asked that Winicki email the faculty to reinforce the policy. Wagner objected to a portion of the policy requiring that faculty inform division/department chairs each time they encounter academic misconduct; Tamulis explained the procedure for amending policies.
9. *Extension of Meeting Time* – Muhammed moved, and Blobaum seconded, extension of the meeting by ten minutes, which passed unanimously.
10. *Report of the IBHE-FAC* – Cortese reported that a new IBHE policy allows senate presidents to designate the IBHE representatives. Winicki stated that she preferred they be elected by the senate. Golland stated that Cortese and Alicia Battle were willing to be reappointed. Cortese noted that their terms do not expire until the spring so he was not requesting that the senate vote on reappointment at this time.
11. *Task Force for Class Scheduling* – Tamulis stated that EPC had voted to withdraw the proposed Club Hours policy. Golland stated that after the discussion at the October senate meeting, as well as subsequent discussions with other interested parties, the consensus appeared to be that the senate form a task force to look at class scheduling, which would include Chris Huang and Bonnie Simpson. Winicki agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the senate executive committee.
12. *Report of the IBHE-FAC, continued* – Cortese submitted a resolution (attachment 6) on the appointment by Governor Rauner of an adjunct to fill the only designated faculty slot on the IBHE. Tamulis moved and Muhammad seconded the resolution which passed unanimously.
13. *Reports* – Winicki reminded the committee chairs that their annual reports for AY15-16 are due.
 - *Bargaining Unit*- UPI Chapter President Estep explained her recent error via email on SEI changes. She noted that the administration was not following the contract by eliminating paper SEIs, but that the Scantron machine was broken.
14. *Adjournment*: Winicki adjourned the meeting at 3:10 without objection.

Next meetings:

- >BOT Retreat November 28, 12:30, Hall of Honors (Lunch at 11:30)
- >Executive Committee, December 1, 1:00, Library Conference Room (or D2401C)
- >BOT, December 9, 8:30, Engbretson Hall
- >Faculty Senate, December 15, 1:00, Hall of Honors

Respectfully submitted,

David Golland
Faculty Senate Vice President and Acting Secretary

Attachments:

1. Institutional Research and Effectiveness
2. Academic Master Plan
3. Report on Athletic Program Participation Rates and Financial Support Data
4. Draft BOT Retreat Agenda
5. PBAC Report
6. IBHE-FAC Resolution